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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to ask the Justice Department to protect the movie theatre exemption provision that is part of the existing ASCAP & BMI Consent Decrees. Movie exhibition is the end result of a long and involved process that includes negotiations of many kinds. The negotiation around the rights to include specific music in the film is currently done at the correct moment — during the production phase of the film. Theatres have no ability to participate in those negotiations as the end recipient of the content and should not be required to pay rights for one element in a film that they have no ability to chose, to not play, or to extract in any way.

Thank you.

Best regards,
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